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SUBJ: GOS AND OPPOSITION APPEAL FOR ORDER

REF : PARAMARIBO 0226 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE GON DELEGATION TO REALM TALKS YESTERDAY (SEPTEL) COALITION NPK AND OPPOSITION LEADERS BEGAN URGENT BUSINESS OF CALMING AND REASSURING POPULATION THOROUGHLY ALARMED BY SERIES OF FIRES WHICH MOST BLAMED ON YOUTHFUL HINDUSTANI EXTREMISTS.

2. MINPRES ARRON, EXHAUSTED FROM STRAIN OF NEGOTIATING WITH DUTCH WHILE COPING WITHDISORDERS, AND OPPOSTION (VHP) LEADER LACHMON, VOICE SHAKING WITH EMOTION, USED TV AND RADIO TO DEPLORE DISTURBANCES, EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY, PEACE, ORDER, SECURITY. ARRON ELOQUENTLY STRESSED HE IS MINPRES OF ALL SURINAMERS, NOT ORIENTED TO ANY GROUP.

3. MINPOLICE AND JUSTICE HOOST COUNSELED AGAINST ACTS OUTSIDE LAW, REVENGE, WARNED POLICE INSTRUCTED ARREST ALIKE ARSONISTS AND THOSE BENT ON VENGEANCE. "ALL MUST LIVE IN HOUSE OF BROTHERHOOD." STATEN SPEAKER WYNTUIN, PROMINENT IN RACIAL CONCILIATION EFFORTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO ACTED AS COALITION SPOKESMAN URGING PEACE AND HARMONY

AMONG COMMUNITIES.

4. NO ARSON OR OTHER DISORDERS REPORTED LAST NIGHT BUT CITY REMAINS HIGHLY APPREHENSIVE THIS MAY ONLY BE PAUSE IN CHAIN OF INCIDENTS. COALITION AND OPPOSITION MEMBERS, HOWEVER, EXPRESS GUARDED OPTIMISM THAT ARRON AND LACHMON BY THEIR APPEALS MAY HAVE COOLED ATMOSPHERE ENOUGH TO PERMIT RESUMPTION TALKS BETWEEN RIVALS NEXT WEEK IF NO NEW TURBULENCE. EVIDENCE CONTINUES BUILD THAT VHP EXTREMISTS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRES WITH REPORT FROM SECURITY CHIEF OF DISCOVERY 15 GASOLINE-FILLED BOTTLES HIDDEN AT VHP HEADQUARTERS.

5. COMMENT: NPK AND VHP LEADERS ACTED WITH COMMENDABLE SPEED TO REASSURE SHOCKED PUBLIC THAT POLICE IN CONTROL, TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE BY ANY GROUP AND TO STRESS OVERRIDING NEED FOR SOLIDARITY AS COUNTRY APPROACHES INDEPENDENCE. NEXT FEW DAYS SHOULD TELL WHETHER THEIR WORDS HEEDED.
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